

WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Open your mind

Austin Psych Fest begins today and continues through Sunday. Featured artists for Friday include Beach Fossils, Atlas Sound, No Joy and Omar Rodriguez-Lopez. Tickets are \$40 a day or \$100 for the weekend.

SATURDAY

Texas Quidditch

UT Quidditch Club is hosting its House Cup Tournament at Clark Field from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

The Big Uneasy

Filmmaker Harry Shearer, a New Orleans resident, investigates the disaster that resulted from Hurricane Katrina at the Alamo Drafthouse South at 1:25 p.m.

Today in history

In 1974

President Richard Nixon announces he will release transcripts of White House conversations related to the Watergate break-in.

Campus watch

Burning desire

200 Block East 21st Street
A UT bike patrol officer patrolling around the dormitories detected the odor of burning marijuana coming from a sitting area between Brackenridge and Roberts Dorms. Three UT students were seen puffing, puffing and passing a rolled-up marijuana cigarette back and forth. When one student realized a UT police officer was approaching, the puff-puff-pass was interrupted with a quick throw of the cigarette into the tall grass. During the investigation, the officers discovered one student was in possession of a silver grinder and a small glass pipe that contained marijuana residue. The student was issued a court appearance citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. No charges for attempted arson were filed.



Quote to note

Russians, we are not sophisticated drinkers. All we need is the best vodka — Russian Standard Vodka — and we can party.

— **Larisa Tostych**
Bookkeeper

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Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan File Photo

Communication studies freshman Nash Horne barbecues with Kappa Sigma Texas Tau members before a football game last fall. If a University proposal passes this football season, Parking and Transportation Services will charge for reserved tailgating spots in Centennial, which is located on Trinity Street near the tennis courts.

the tailgate toll

By Matthew Stottlemire

It will cost more for Longhorn fans to enjoy the pre-football game sacraments of beer and grilled food if a Parking and Transportation Services proposal on tailgating passes.

The University will begin charging for reserved tailgating spots in Centennial Park next football season pending approval of the policy. Centennial Park is next to the University's tennis courts on Trinity Street, across Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from the main part of campus.

PTS events manager Linsey Duett said the UT Police Department, the athletic department and PTS came up with the proposed regulations. She said the department has a price range in mind but would not release the proposed range since the policy is not official. The departments are expected to finalize the policy by next week, she said.

"There were people breaking the rules set out by the Board of Regents, and we want to get a handle on that," Duett said.

She said the departments involved had concerns about businesses advertising and passing out drinks at the increasingly popular tailgating spot.

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Lizzie Chen | Daily Texan Staff

Robin Drake, member of the Workers Defense Project, holds a sign while Sen. Jose Rodríguez, D-El Paso, speaks. Construction workers from across Texas continue to call on legislators to end deadly working conditions.

Workers, allies call for safety measures

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

Every two-and-a-half days a construction worker dies on the job in the United States, said a Workers Defense Project policy analyst at a rally Thursday at the Capitol.

More than 50 people celebrated Workers Memorial Day to remember the 138 people who died doing construction work in Texas in 2009 and to rally for policy changes to protect workers' rights in hopes of lowering the number of worker deaths and injuries in the state.

"They build our houses; they build our churches; they build our universities," said Emily Timm, policy analyst for the project. "As the end users of those buildings, we have a very important role in saying that this is what we expect [for] the people who are building our city."

The rally participants hoped to encourage legislators to pass three bills to help ensure workers' rights. One bill would require safety training on all state and government contracts — taxpayers' money would go toward safety measures. The second

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City Council may alter structure of membership

By Allie Kolechta
Daily Texan Staff

City Council began the process of reforming its membership structure with a proposal at a regular meeting Thursday.

Currently, all Austin residents vote for each of the six at-large council members and the mayor. The City Council is working to put together a proposal for a hybrid single-member district system in the Austin.

If the proposal passes, the council will consist of six district-specific representatives, while two council members and the mayor will still be elected at large, said Matt Curtis, a spokesman for the mayor.

"If you truly believe in democratic representation, it's best to have your representative as close to the people they're representing as possible," he said. "This allows

community members from different parts of town to have someone who represents their interest as well as citywide elected representatives who will represent the entire community."

The proposal would give voters a go-to council member for issues such as problems with trash pick-up or a problematic street corner, Curtis said. Community members with different interests will have their own council member, he said.

The city expects constituents to vote on single-member districts in November 2012, although a date has not been finalized,

he said.

"It's important to the mayor that this is a decision made by the community," he said. "We want the community to be able to vote on it while we're putting this pro-

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TODAY'S TIP: Save Water at Home

Take some time this weekend to figure out your home water needs. Almost all cities in the Austin area have water conservation programs you could benefit from — check out your city's website for more information and tell us what you're doing at home to save water.

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Perfect weather for a raid on the Quidditch House Cup



Austin Police Department's new program allows citizens to report minor crimes on the web. The program has yielded 93 incident reports since its launch on April 7.

Photo Illustration by Andrew Torrey
Daily Texan Staff

APD launches program to enable online filing of police reports

**By William James
Daily Texan Staff**

Filing a paper police report for petty crimes can be a hassle, and the Austin Police Department hopes its new online system will simplify the process.

On April 7, APD launched a web-based program that allows citizens to write their own reports on minor incidents or write a supplement to an existing police report. So far, citizens have filed 93 reports, and APD expects them to file many more within the first six months of the program.

The system is supported by the vendor copLogic, which the Travis County Police Department also uses for its online police report system. According to APD, copLogic is very cost effective and sends each report straight to APD's current management system.

The online report takes about 10 minutes to fill out and allows citizens to file nonemergency, low-priority reports from anywhere with internet access.

In 2010, APD processed more than 58,000 telephone reports through 3-1-1, and according to

a police officer, many of those reports were low-priority and required little follow-up. With this new system, APD hopes the majority of these reports will be done online instead, said APD officer Simone Graboski.

"The online reporting system is going to be very beneficial to officers and citizens by improving the quality of the report received," Graboski said.

The most common reports so far include online harassment, credit card abuse and graffiti. Graboski said officers typically reply to the reports

within three to four business days, but the website says to allow 12-14.

In order to fill out a online police report, citizens must be at least 17 years old, have a valid email account and proper state identification.

Currently, the UT Police Department does not offer the same online reporting system but does have an anonymous crime tip website which allows students to make reports 24 hours a day.

"It is just a matter of time before UT implements such a system," said UTPD officer Darrell Halstead.

Houston Police Department insti-

tuted a similar online police reporting system in 2007. HPD multimedia specialist Mary Haisten said it still seems new because it is such an exciting tool.

This month alone, HPD's online police reporting system received 2,486 police reports, the majority of which consisted of vandalism, theft and criminal mischief.

Within two months, the system will be available in other languages including Spanish and Vietnamese. Within six months, the system will accommodate business owners as well, Graboski said.

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The University prohibits both activities on its property.

She said, in years past, people have taped off spots up to a week in advance of home games, but UT staff has to clear the markings out for landscaping. Tailgaters also left behind stakes, which are prohibited on all University property. The department expects the new rules to bring more structure and order to the park before games.

President of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity Isaac Gonzalez said his organization hosts tailgate parties at the park every year. The mechanical engineering senior said fraterni-

ty members already have to stretch to pay dues, and the cost of a spot to tailgate will be one more expense they have to absorb.

"We are still going to tailgate there," Gonzalez said. "It's too important to just stop, but it's definitely a bummer."

For himself and many students, he said tailgates have become just as important as the sport that inspires them.

"It's just as big a tradition as Texas football itself," he said. "People look forward to opening game all year, but it's also the tailgate. It's definitely huge."

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posal together."

The first three districts will be determined by ethnic demographics and will most likely establish two primarily Hispanic districts and one primarily black district, said City of Austin Demographer Ryan Robinson. The next three districts will be based on communities of interest, he said.

"My guess is that campus would probably be in the middle of a central Austin district," Robinson said. "Pretty much all past maps had campus right in the middle of a district. You wouldn't want a set of districts that split UT into two pieces."

The districts will be based on 2010 census data, Robinson said.

Increasing voter turnout and creating a hybrid system with single-member districts are the two goals of the proposal, said campaign consultant Mark Littlefield. Voter turnout has been steadily dropping over the past decade — the number of Austin voters has dropped from 200,000 to 88,000, he said.

"If you were Doctor Evil from an Austin Powers movie and you were trying to divide the council for a lower voter turnout, I'm not even sure he could disenfranchise as many voters as we have in Aus-

tin, Texas," he said.

Austin is one of the largest cities that continues to elect all of its council members at large, Littlefield said. If this proposal passes, the city will likely make changes after two or four years to increase the number of districts or move to a fully single-member district system, he said.

"Nothing's been written in stone," he said. "Nothing's been written in ballot language. I would much rather do something that people would have confidence in first and then tweak it."

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he said.

According to Zamora, he and his parents entered the United States from Mexico in 2000 with visitor's visas. He was 10 years old. His family stayed after the visas expired.

Zamora said he was disappointed by UTPD officers' treatment of him and in their decision to arrest him — even after he told them he would be deported if they did so.

"He didn't read me my Miranda rights and kept insisting that they were just taking me to jail to pay my ticket even though I told them ICE was going to get there and try to deport me," Zamora said.

Dahlstrom said ICE officials are often stationed at jails to check the immigration status of those who get booked — which is exactly what happened to Zamora.

"Officers on the street do not enforce immigration laws, but immigration officials have every right to check on people that are arrested," he said. "Had he paid for the tickets beforehand, he would not have been arrested, and this would not have happened."

Zamora had two hearings last year, but both were postponed because of technicalities on court documents. He will have another meeting before a deportation judge in San Antonio on May 26, and he said he hopes to postpone that, too.

Zamora plans to register for the fall semester soon and said he hopes he will be able to graduate before be-

ing deported.

"I've been here in Austin since I was 10," Zamora said. "I've been wanting to go to UT since I heard about it. And now they are going to take this away from me?"

Father Jayme Mathias, pastor at Cristo Rey Catholic Church, is helping Zamora collect letters of recommendation and documentation of past achievements to prepare for his next deportation hearing.

"For those who are not deported, a lot of it comes down to their character," Mathias said. "I have known Raul since he was a freshman in high school. A person who has such great potential and who has committed no real crime should be allowed to stay."

Mathias said he has seen this situation many times before as the pastor of an undocumented community and that he is saddened

— Raul Zamora, Urban studies major

that young people with no connection to their home country are deported. About 200 undocumented students attended UT in the 2009-10 school year, according to the Office of Admissions.

On campus, the University Leadership Initiative focuses on supporting the DREAM Act so undocumented UT students can be productive Americans after graduating, said Loren Campos, president of the group.

The DREAM, or Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, was a bill that would allow undocumented immigrants who arrived in the U.S. as minors to gain conditional permanent residency after attending college or serving in the military for two years. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill in December 2010, but it failed to pass the Senate after a Republican-led filibuster stalled the legislation.

Campos said the organization creates online petitions asking the general public to voice their support of students in Zamora's situation and by contacting officials who can stop their deportation.

"We get all the information about what happened in their case and put it online," Campos said. "We ask anyone in general to send faxes, send emails and make phone calls. Most cases have been successful in that these students' deportation status has been deferred."

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bill would require contractors to allow rest breaks because workers do not currently have the legal right to rest breaks. The final bill would require employers to provide compensation to families of workers who die on the job.

Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, who comes from a farmworker background, spoke in support of the bills.

"When [the Capitol] was being constructed, there were a number of workers that were killed right here in Austin building this beautiful building," Rodriguez said.

He strongly advocated requiring 15-minute rest breaks for workers.

"That is not only the humane thing to do; it's the safe thing to do," Rodriguez said.

After falling off a ladder and breaking his wrist during a painting job in 2009, Fernando Adame had surgery, accumulated more than \$11,000 in medical bills and could not work for four months.

His family struggled to make ends meet, and he did not have access to adequate medical care.

"I think it is important for us to be here today so people understand the problems so there are not more deaths and accidents on the job," Adame said. "What I went through was extremely difficult, and my family suffered greatly. It shouldn't happen to workers."

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Southern states deal with death, destruction after tornados

By Greg Bluestein & Holbrook Mohr
The Associated Press

PLEASANT GROVE, Ala. — Firefighters searched one splintered pile after another for survivors Thursday, combing the remains of houses and neighborhoods pulverized by the nation's deadliest tornado outbreak in almost four decades. At least 280 people were killed across six states — more than two-thirds of them in Alabama, where large cities bore half-mile-wide scars from the twisters.

The death toll from Wednesday's storms seems out of a bygone era, before Doppler radar and satellite forecasts were around to warn communities of severe weather. Residents were told the tornadoes were coming up to 24 minutes ahead of time, but they were just too wide, too powerful and too locked onto populated areas to avoid a horrifying body count.

"These were the most intense super-cell thunderstorms that I think anybody who was out there forecasting has ever seen," said meteorologist Greg Carbin at the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

"If you experienced a direct hit from one of these, you'd have to be in a reinforced room, storm shelter or underground" to survive, he said.

The storms seemed to hug the interstate highways as they barreled along like runaway trucks, obliterating neighborhoods or even entire towns from Tuscaloosa to Bristol, Va. One family rode out the disaster in the basement of a funeral home, another by huddling in a tanning bed.

In Concord, a small town outside Birmingham, Randy Guyton's family got a phone call from a friend warning them to take cover. They rushed to the basement garage, piled into a Honda Ridgeline and listened to the roar as the twister devoured the house in seconds.

"The whole house caved in on top of that car," he said. "Other than my boy screaming to the Lord to save us, being in that car is what saved us."

Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley said



Billy Hughey sits in what is left of his living room, which was destroyed by Wednesday's tornado near Tanner, Ala., on Thursday. President Barack Obama said he would visit Alabama on Friday to view the damage and meet with the governor and families devastated by the storms.

his state had confirmed 194 deaths. There were 33 deaths in Mississippi, 33 in Tennessee, 14 in Georgia, five in Virginia and one in Kentucky. Hundreds if not thousands of people were injured — 600 in Tuscaloosa alone.

Some of the worst damage was in Tuscaloosa, a city of more than 83,000 that is home to the University of Alabama. The storms destroyed the city's emergency management center, so

the school's Bryant-Denny Stadium was turned into a makeshift emergency center. School officials said two students were killed, though they did not say how they died.

A tower-mounted news camera there captured images of an astonishingly thick, powerful tornado flinging debris as it leveled neighborhoods.

That twister and others Wednesday were several times more severe

than a typical tornado, which is hundreds of yards wide, has winds around 100 mph and stays on the ground for a few miles, said research meteorologist Harold Brooks at the Storm Prediction Center.

"There's a pretty good chance some of these were a mile wide, on the ground for tens of miles and had wind speeds over 200 mph," he said.

The loss of life is the greatest from

an outbreak of U.S. tornadoes since April 1974, when 329 people were killed by a storm that swept across 13 Southern and Midwestern states.

President Barack Obama said he would travel to Alabama on Friday. As many as a million homes and businesses there were without power, and Bentley said 2,000 National Guard troops had been activated to help. The governors of Mississippi

and Georgia also issued emergency declarations for parts of their states.

"We can't control when or where a terrible storm may strike, but we can control how we respond to it," Obama said. "And I want every American who has been affected by this disaster to know that the federal government will do everything we can to help you recover, and we will stand with you as you rebuild."



An explosion hit a cafe popular among tourists in Marrakech, Morocco, on Thursday killing and wounding people in what the government called a suspected criminal act.

Terrorists bomb Moroccan cafe killing at least 14 tourists, locals

By Hassan Alaoui
The Associated Press

MARRAKECH, Morocco — A massive terrorist bombing tore through a tourist cafe in the bustling heart of Marrakech's old quarter, killing at least 11 foreigners and three Moroccans in the country's deadliest attack in eight years.

At least 23 people were wounded in the Thursday blast a few minutes before noon in Djemma el-Fna square, one of the top attractions in a country that depends heavily on tourism, Moroccan Interior Minis-

ter Taib Chergaoui said.

Government spokesman Khalid Naciri said it was too soon to lay blame for what he called a terrorist attack, but he noted that Morocco regularly dismantles cells linked to al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb and says it has disrupted several plots.

At least eight French citizens were being treated at Marrakech's main Tofail Hospital, along with one Canadian, a British citizen and three Moroccans, emergency room chief Hicham Nejmi said. Others were being treated at a military hospital and a handful in private clinics.

April marks the start of Morocco's tourist season, when visitors gather to watch snake charmers, storytellers, jugglers and local musicians, filling the cafes that ring the edges of the iconic square.

The explosion blew much of the facade off the two-story Argana cafe, leaving awnings dangling. Panicked passersby dragged away bodies and tried to put out flames with fire extinguishers, witnesses said.

"Morocco has an international image of welcome, hospitality and tourism," Naciri said. "An act of this magnitude will leave its mark."

Libyans reach out to children in wartime

By Sebastian Abbot
The Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — One shows a Libyan soldier in a green uniform killing a pro-democracy demonstrator. Another depicts bloodied body parts outside a pickup truck destroyed by NATO aircraft. A third — a dead fighter's casket draped in a red, black and green rebel flag.

Twelve-year-old Leena al-Bishari's colorful drawings provide a glimpse of Libya's violent uprising against Moammar Gadhafi through the eyes of a child.



Two Libyan girls look out from a classroom window as they take part in a program at one of the local schools in Benghazi, Libya, on Tuesday.

These drawings and others like them on display at a grade school in Benghazi, the de facto capital of rebel-held eastern Libya, illustrate the psychological toll that more than two months of fighting has had on Libya's children, said volunteers who recently set up a program at the school to help kids deal with the war.

"The psychological effect has come from sitting with their family all day and watching news of shelling and killing on television," said Mohammed al-Ghaziri, a 38-year-old businessman and father of two who helped launch the program.

Benghazi was at risk of being overrun by Gadhafi's forces in March before NATO aircraft pulverized tanks that would have devastated the city.

Children in Benghazi have had little else to do other than soak in the painful realities of war because

schools have remained closed since the revolution started in mid-February, and many parents have avoided letting their kids play outside for fear they may be hurt by random gunfire, said al-Ghaziri.

Officials are reluctant to reopen the schools before Gadhafi steps down because many teachers and students are volunteering in the rebellion, said Hana el-Gallal, who is responsible for the education sector in Benghazi.

In the meantime, al-Ghaziri and other residents of Benghazi's Al-Leithi neighborhood decided to set up a program at one of the local public schools where children could come draw, sing and play.

"We want the children to forget about the war and try to live a normal life," said Asma al-Sedawi, an 18-year-old English student who is volunteering as an art teacher.

The program started Saturday with about 100 students from the ages of 3 to 14 and has already more than doubled in size, said al-Ghaziri. There is one other program like it in a neighborhood in downtown Benghazi, and four more should start soon in other parts of the city, he said.

"We bring them here so they can play like normal children," said al-Ghaziri. "But if we want to deal fully with their psychological problems, we need experts."



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Concealed carry amendment

"I did not expect this amendment. It is very controversial among university regents, and it should stand as its own bill."

— Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, on a last minute amendment tacked onto a higher education bill she sponsored, according to The Daily Texan. The amendment, added by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, mirrors his previous concealed-carry bill.

"To say I am now trying to pull a fast one is a little silly. I am using the same parliamentary rules that were used two weeks ago to keep [SB 354] from being heard."

— Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, on his amendment, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Powers speaks out

"It's the sand being put in the oyster around which the pearl grows."

— President William Powers Jr. in an interview with the Texas Tribune on Thursday, drawing an analogy to describe why the University needs state funding.

"Let me say, we're trying to pull students through the University in four years."

— Powers responding to a question during the Texas Tribune interview about the University's efforts to graduate students on time.

"Research universities drive economic development in their regions because they produce the educated workforce companies need and new knowledge that generates innovation and economic development."

— Powers in a university-wide email Tuesday defending academic research, according to The Daily Texan.

\$10k for a bachelor's degree

"It's entirely feasible. It's something we are going to pursue aggressively."

— Higher Education Commissioner Raymund Paredes on Wednesday, regarding Gov. Rick Perry's proposal to create a \$10,000 bachelor's degree, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Low cost does not equate to low rigor or even low value."

— Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Special Projects Director Van Davis on concerns that Perry's mythical \$10,000 degree plan would sacrifice academic quality for affordability, according to the Texas Tribune.

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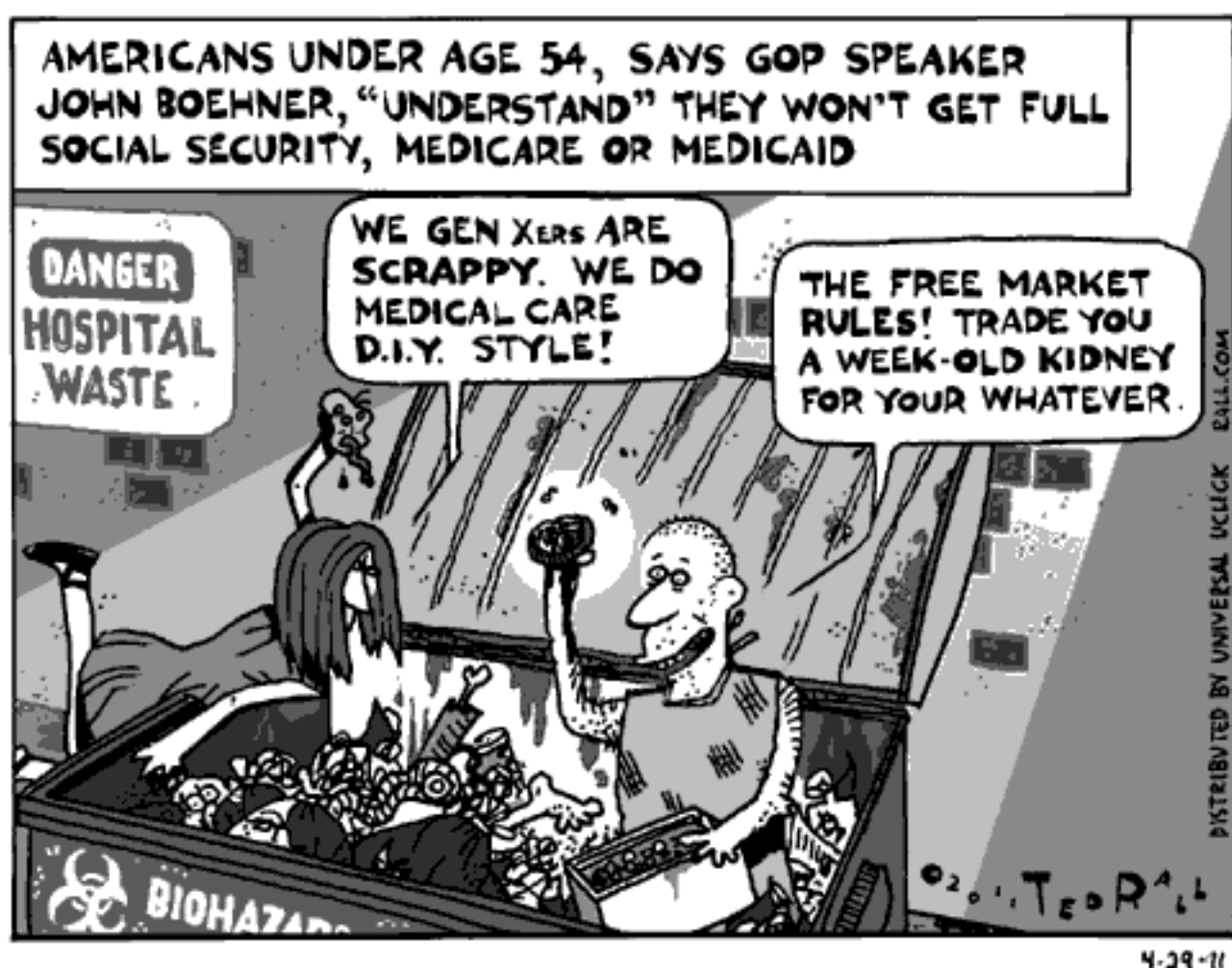
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GALLERY



Protect HIV/AIDS funding

By Heath Cleveland
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

In light of an estimated budget shortfall as high as \$27 billion, it's hard to imagine that the Texas Senate will spare many programs from cuts in this week's vote, much less increase their funding. Despite the urge to Sharpie away or ignore any program that may not lead to tax reductions, state representatives and senators who are eager to impress voters with their muscles of frugality should keep in mind that a penny saved isn't always a penny earned — and sometimes saving pennies today can kill people tomorrow. Especially when it comes to the Texas HIV Medication Program.

The Texas HIV Medication Program provides medication to treat HIV and HIV-related opportunistic infections for those living at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line. Currently, the program saves the lives of more than 14,000 low-income individuals and its roster is expected to climb to more than 16,000 by 2013 due to the rising number of people living with HIV and a high unemployment rate. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, the program is facing an estimated budget shortfall of \$19.2 million over the 2012-13 fiscal years.

Regardless of its benefits, the life-saving program is on the chopping block

this legislative session and, while the Senate Finance Committee understands this need and has recommended fully funding the program, the House voted against including the funds in their budget and even voted down an amendment to restore full-funding to the THMP. If the THMP were to go underfunded this legislative session, many HIV/AIDS patients in Texas would be unable to gain access to the medication they need and die as a result. Additionally, the financial burden of care would be shifted to hospitals and emergency rooms, a cost that would eventually end up in taxpayers' laps anyway if the patients are unable to pay.

But why?

For one, if there is not enough funding for the increased demand, then, since THMP is considered to be the "payer of last resort," the people seeking help will probably have no other means of affording the medication that can cost up to \$30,000 per year, according to AIDS Services of Austin.

Secondly, HIV/AIDS patients build up resistance to the medications they take over time. When this happens, a person being treated for HIV would have to change to second-line or third-line treatments that contain medications that are often newer, less likely to have a generic alternative and are much more expensive. If the THMP can't afford the

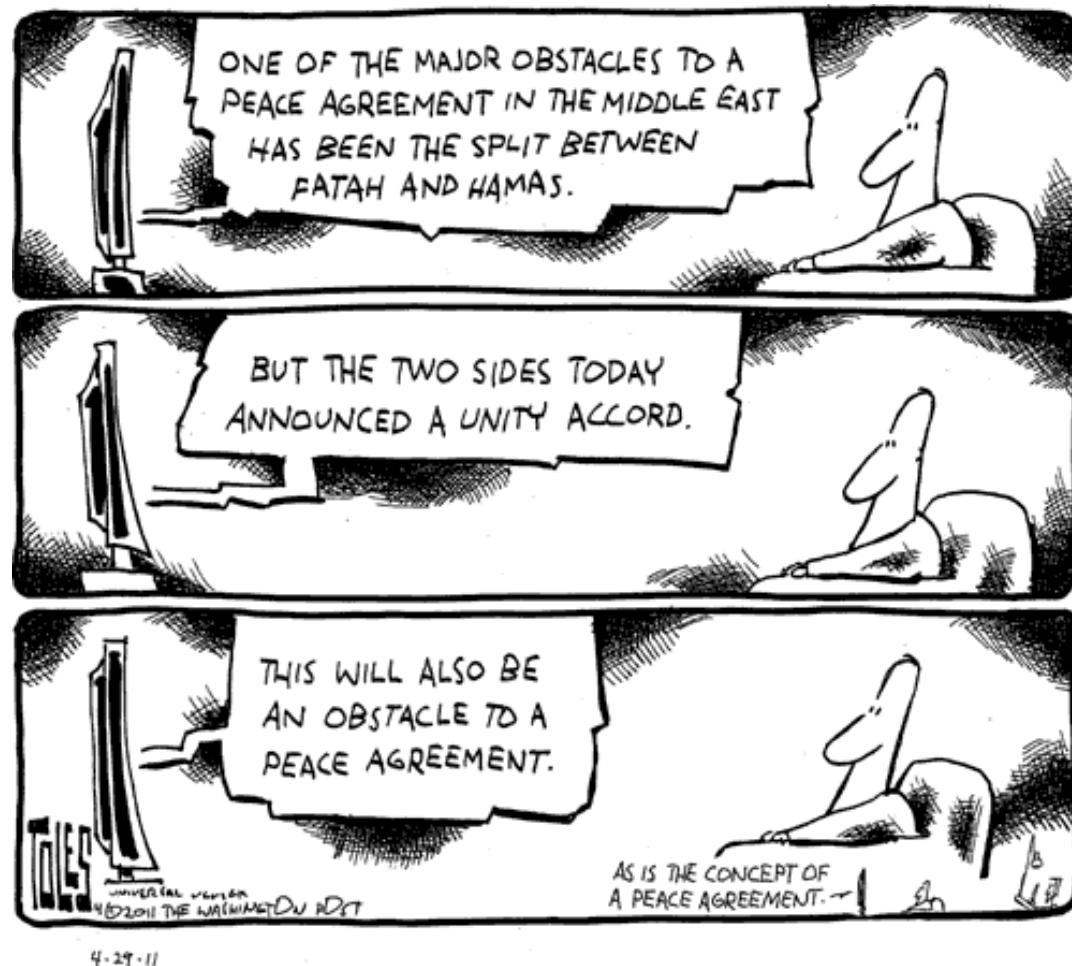
change in treatments for the individuals it already serves, then it will have to make its guidelines for qualification stricter, which would leave many without medication.

Considering that HIV is a progressive disease that can often be debilitating, many people living with HIV/AIDS will be unable to work at some point. This means that HIV/AIDS patients not only often lose their income, but also their jobs and insurance (if they even had insurance through their employer in the first place). This situation is especially problematic for HIV/AIDS patients, because going off HIV medication temporarily will almost immediately make them more susceptible to disease and cause them to develop resistance to their medication, making treatment even more expensive and difficult.

For the estimated 84,000 people living with HIV in Texas, and the increasing numbers of people being diagnosed with HIV each year, the THMP is a lifeline. Not providing the necessary funding to provide proper care to the thousands who need it would be cruel and needless, not to mention that its fiscal benefits are questionable. This budgeting cycle, let your senators and representatives know about the importance of this program.

Cleveland is a rhetoric and writing and mathematics senior.

GALLERY



Kinesiology classes to gain more space from construction

By Molly Moore
Daily Texan Staff

Football fans and kinesiology students will be able to stretch into a new space in the football stadium this summer.

A construction project in Bellmont Hall will remove the 30-foot-high ceiling of the gymnasium and create two separate floors, said Jim Baker, athletics director for events and operations.

The lower floor will house a hospitality room similar to the stadium's Centennial Room, and the upper floor will have two new kinesiology classrooms, as well as a teaching gym for those pursuing physical education.

The main objective is to acquire space, Baker said.

"It will help take some heat off the Centennial Room, which is always overloaded," he said. "These people would give us a lot of money but wouldn't have a place to go for the games, so when this option came up, we took it."

The room will not have stadium seating but will instead connect to

seating areas by a bridge. The project will cost about \$10 million to complete, but details of the funding plan are still in the works, he said.

New space is also appealing to the kinesiology department, which has had classroom shortages in the past, said John Ivy, department chair of kinesiology and health education.

"We've used the current gym for classes before, but it wasn't very practical because they would have to set up chairs," Ivy said. "Now, we'll have more classrooms and free up areas that we were taking up before across campus."

Construction on the two floors will begin shortly after finals and is scheduled to finish before classes resume in the fall, Baker said.

Beginning in July, the University will also start work on six indoor and four outdoor tennis courts at Steiner Ranch, where the UT Golf Club trains.

"We've never had an indoor facility, and over the last three to four years, we've had big tennis fans in the area provide the funding we needed to think about building one," he said.

TX comptroller apologizes for release of personal data

By Will Weissert
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The release of personal information of 3.5 million Texans — including addresses and Social Security numbers — was a result of "human error" and was not done maliciously, State Comptroller Susan Combs said Thursday, while also adding that authorities are still going to investigate.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Combs said there's no indication that the information, which in some cases included birth dates and driver's license numbers, has been misused. Still, she's ready to provide additional help to anyone who may become a victim of wrongdoing.

"We believe it's inadvertent, but that's why we also called in the [attorney general's] office, and we are, of course, working closely with them," said Combs, who spoke to several media outlets for the first time since her office announced on April 11 that the information was posted on public servers controlled by her office and remained there in some cases for more than a year.

"It's basically human error," Combs said. "There were policies for deleting files, there were policies for not uploading files, and none of the policies and the procedures were followed."

Four employees in her office have been dismissed. Combs said she has no reason to believe more will lose their jobs.

Combs had apologized in previous written statements and did so again during the interview, saying "I just think that it upsets a lot of people, and I really understand that."

Combs said her office has so far spent \$1.8 million mailing letters to affected people and establishing a 24-hour informational hotline.

Her office is providing a year of free credit monitoring for those affected. She said that service will cost the state \$6 per enrollee.

The problem occurred after Combs' office attempted to return unclaimed cash and other assets to state employees and asked the Teacher Retirement System, the Employee Retirement System and the Texas Workforce Commission for electronic information about their members.

The teacher retirement data was transferred in January 2010 and had records of 1.2 million education employees and retirees. The Texas Workforce Commission data transferred last April had information for about 2 million individuals. The Employee Retirement System data was provided in May 2010 and had information on about 281,000 people.

All the records remained accessible to the public until the end of March when authorities discovered the problem and began blocking access. Most of those affected didn't learn of the problem until Combs' office announced it April 11.

“It’s basically human error ... None of the policies and procedures were followed.”

— Susan Combs, State Comptroller



State representatives gather around House Parliamentarian Chris Griesel, third from left, leaning over the dais, during debate of House Bill 1 on the House floor in Austin earlier this month.

Senate divided over Rainy Day Fund

By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press

The Texas Senate is divided over its budget plan and a proposal to use \$6 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund over the next two years.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said Thursday that the chamber will keep looking for alternative sources of money, but he remains committed to tapping into the fund, calling it the "right thing to do."

"The criticism of it, I think, is just flat wrong," Ogden said. "The question I ask my colleagues is 'What do we have it for?' If you're not going to use the Rainy Day Fund when it's raining, we might as well get rid of it."

Gov. Rick Perry and Republicans in the House have agreed to spend about \$3 billion from the fund to cover gaps in the current budget but don't want to use it for the 2012-13 spending plan. House leaders have warned that the Senate plan to spend \$3 billion more from the fund has no chance in their chamber.

Senate rules require 21 of the 31 senators to support the bill before a vote is taken. Republicans hold a 19-11 majority, leaving them two votes shy of what they need.

Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, voted against the Senate budget in committee. He and other Republicans say Texas may need that money to head off another potential budget crisis two years from now.

Ogden said the Senate plan needs to tap the Rainy Day Fund to avoid the deep cuts to public education, higher education and human services that are proposed in the House budget.

The Senate plan is already about \$11 billion less than current spending. With the Rainy Day Fund, the Senate would likely have to make

more cuts, Ogden said. And Senate Democrats — three voted against the plan in committee — won't support a budget that makes more cuts.

Ogden said he remains optimistic he can rally support to vote on the Senate plan next week.

"The longer it's out there, the people that don't like it have more time to attack it. Yeah, I'm worried about that," he said. "The reality is we don't have the votes yet, so we're going to keep working. I've got a lot of people telling me what's wrong with this. Well, now it's time to step up and tell me what are you going to do to fix it?"

Speaker disputes social media's role in Egypt upheaval

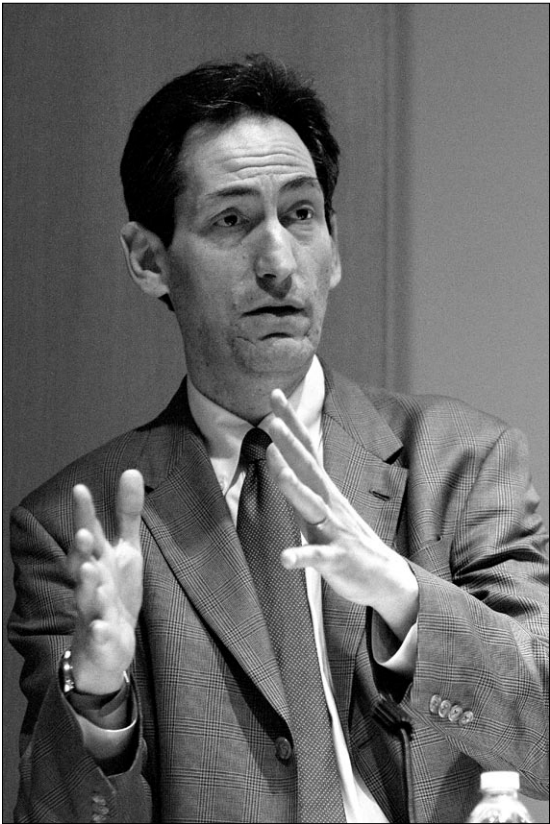
By William James
Daily Texan Staff

Americans give social media more credit than it deserves for the success of the Egyptian revolution, a political theorist said Thursday.

Television networks and local organizing were far more significant, said Jon Alterman, director and senior fellow of the Middle East Program at the policy advising group the Center for Strategic and International Studies. His lecture, which about 30 people attended, explained the complex role of different media formats in the January and February revolts in the Middle East.

"Pan-Arab television networks like Al Jazeera drove the events, and activists had a symbiotic relationship with the journalists," Alterman said. "Television had many important characteristics because it offers visuals and narration, which is more emotional and engaging than other forms of media."

Alterman said the role of social media was significant because it gave advocates a platform to voice their opinions to an international audience, which encouraged their personal involvement. He said other factors beside so-



Johns Hopkins professor Jon B. Alterman spoke to students and faculty Thursday about how the Internet and social media has aided protests in the Middle East.

Allen Otto
Daily Texan Staff

leader and political system.

"It is easy to fire someone, but it's not as easy to hire someone," Alterman said. "The movement right now is not turning into a strong political movement, but in five to six years, there could be a powerful impact once the next government is instated."

Alterman said human relationships are what matter most during a revolt and that the creativity of political activists will eventually pave the way for a new Arab nation.

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TEXAS STUDENT MEDIA

NFL DRAFT

Cowboys, Texans use first round of draft to solidify trenches

By Jamie Aron
The Associated Press

Tyron Smith already has a claim to fame in Dallas Cowboys lore. He is the first offensive lineman drafted in the first round

by Jerry Jones. Since Smith is only 20, and the Cowboys took him with the ninth overall pick, they are counting on him to grow into

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By Chris Duncan
The Associated Press

Houston defensive coordinator Wade Phillips says his renovation of the Texans' defense begins with the draft.

The Texans took Wisconsin defensive end J.J. Watt with the 11th overall pick Thursday night, and Phillips said the team won't stop there as they try

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BASEBALL

No. 14 OKLAHOMA at No. 7 TEXAS

Garrido in line for milestone win this weekend

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff

Augie Garrido can't remember his first win as a collegiate coach. Not to say that's surprising — it happened more than 40 years ago at San Francisco State.

But he has an opportunity this weekend to win his 1,800th game when the Longhorns face Oklahoma, a win he'll find much harder to forget. He knows it won't just be another win.

"I would be wrong to say that it's just another game because then it would belong to me. But it belongs to everyone, and it reflects on the extraordinary people that I've worked with and the extraordinary players that have played over a long period of time and the level of consistency and commitment teamwork requires," Garrido said. "For me to say, 'It's just another day,' in my mind, is turning my back on all those other people that made it possible."

And there have been a lot of people. Garrido has coached at five different schools over the years and compartmentalizes the people he's worked with and coached.

"You almost have to keep it in groups," he said. "The academy award show would be short compared to all the people I have to thank."

He can thank Taylor Jungmann for 30 of those wins, and the junior will have first crack at getting Garrido his 1,800th.

"We'll make sure we get him that win," Jungmann said. "It just speaks



Andrew Edmonson | Daily Texan Staff

Texas' head coach Augie Garrido has led the Longhorns to two national championships in his time on the Forty Acres.

to how good a coach he is."

Oklahoma won't go down without a fight. The Sooners lead the Big 12 in batting with a .334 average and have 32 home runs on the

year, compared to the Texas' seven. The Longhorns aren't a power-hitting team, so it'll be important for them to play their style.

"We just need to play our game

and get the leadoff runner on and get him to the next base and have timely hitting," third baseman Alex Silver said. "If we can do that, we'll do pretty well this weekend."

Cole Green will start Saturday for Texas, but Garrido said he didn't yet know who would start

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SOFTBALL

No. 14 OKLAHOMA at No. 3 TEXAS



Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff

Amy Hooks, left, has been a calming presence for sophomore pitcher Blaire Luna this year.

Longhorns' senior backstop excels both offensively and defensively

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

Amy Hooks has had four great years at Texas. In her time here, she has grown as a hitter and a catcher and become a force in the Longhorn lineup, becoming the all-time home run leader in Texas history last Saturday at Texas Tech.

Oddly enough, she didn't even start out as a catcher. Hooks was a shortstop before donning the catching gear for her select team.

She decided to try catching after her coach suggested it after practice one day, and thanks to her love for a famous Texas Ranger, she gave it a shot. The rest has gone down in Longhorn softball history.

"Growing up I loved Pudge Rodriguez, and I was like 'Anything to be like him,' so I put on the gear and started catching," Hooks said.

Getting the hang of the position was difficult for Hooks at first, especially blocking balls in the dirt. With practice, she has molded herself into the catcher she is today; one that has maintained a .997 fielding percentage.

"I can't say that I've always had that fielding percentage because I know I used to have problems with blocking," Hooks said. "I really give the credit to [Texas assistant coach] Megan Willis who took the time out to work with me. We've done drill after drill to get better at blocking, so all the credit goes to her."

Hooks has also shown the same growth at bat, go-

VS.

Date: Sat., Sun.
Time: 7 p.m., Noon
Place: McCombs Field (Austin, Texas)

ing from hitting a paltry .193 with three home runs her freshman year to batting .370 up to this point in her senior year, with 12 bombs.

So how did she go from batting below the Mendoza Line to being the all-time home run leader in Texas history? Hard work.

"Having a couple of years under your belt and knowing the level of the pitchers and the desire of wanting to have a great season, too, and to go out with a bang my senior year, I've just been putting in more effort and wanting to strengthen that part of my game," Hooks said.

Perhaps the most important part of Hooks' job description is being the field general for the defense and working with the pitchers to call the games.

"She does calm me down. She definitely helps my confidence and helps me to get through the situation, and I know she has a lot of faith in me, like I have in her," said pitcher Blaire Luna.

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CLUB BASEBALL

Club athletes head into playoffs with hopes of garnering conference title

By Stefan Scrafield
Daily Texan Staff

Forget about the past. From now on, it's win or go home for the Longhorns.

After posting a perfect record during conference play, the Texas club baseball team will look to take two of three from Texas Tech this weekend and claim the Gulf Coast North conference championship for the first time since 2006.

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"Obviously, we expect to beat the Raiders this weekend in two games," said junior outfielder Jonathan Fletcher. "But this is just one of many stepping stones needed to reach our ultimate goal."

The teams will play a double-header starting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at William B. Travis High School. If necessary, game three will



The Texas club baseball team plays for the Gulf Coast North conference championship this weekend.

Andrew Torrey
Daily Texan Staff

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WR, Georgia

Patrick Peterson
CB, LSU

TWEET OF THE DAY

Aaron Williams
@ajwilliams04

God has a plan not worried about it. #veryblessed. Just wasn't the first round for me.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

No Longhorns drafted in NFL's first round on Thursday night

For the first time since 2008, the Longhorns had no former players selected in the first round of the NFL Draft. It was widely speculated that cornerback Aaron Williams would be chosen with the last few picks of the round, such as No. 31 to Pittsburgh, but his name was never called.

Williams will almost certainly be drafted tonight in the second or third round. Defensive end Sam Acho and cornerback Curtis Brown may be selected in one of the two rounds as well.

—Trey Scott

ON THE WEB:

The men's and women's track teams are in Philadelphia for the Penn Relays.

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Sunday. Sam Stafford has taken the mound on Sunday the past several weeks for the Longhorns, but struggled last weekend in Kansas. Andrew McKirahan pitched well in practice this week, which could give Garrido the option of moving Hoby Milner into the Sunday spot and bring McKirahan out of the bullpen.

"We're really trying to find one more pitcher to add to what we have, and McKirahan put himself in position to pitch if we need him this weekend," Garrido said.

He said he would make his decision after Saturday's game, based on who played.

If Texas does win this weekend,

giving Garrido his 1,800th, the coach knows it won't have been him alone winning all those games.

"This is a total team sport; no one can really measure who deserves the most credit for it," Garrido said. "But I would assume that probably the players do. It belongs to everyone, and I give thanks to everyone. I represent a lot of people, and those people are a collage of what I've become."

No. 14 Oklahoma at No. 7 Texas
Date: Fri., Sat., Sun.
Time: 6 p.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m.
Place: UFCU Disch-Falk Field (Austin, Texas)

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happen Sunday at Vista Ridge High School.

Although the Longhorns aren't looking past the Red Raiders, they realize that this is just the beginning, as they hope to accomplish their preseason goal and make a run at the National Club Baseball Association's World Series.

If the team is able to win this weekend's three-game series, it would move on to the regional championships where it would play the Gulf Coast South conference champion. The Longhorns are equally fond of their chances in that matchup.

"In the regional, we expect to win," Fletcher said. "We would most likely play our archrival, Texas A&M, and would have to win another three-game series."

If the Aggies advanced to regionals to play Texas, it would be a shot at redemption for the Longhorns. A&M swept the series last time the two met in late February. Texas hasn't lost since.

Once through regionals, the team would move on to the NCBA World Series held at Golden Park in Columbus, Ga. The park is known by many for its use as the official softball venue during the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Texas realizes how much it would mean to the program to reach the World Series and have

an opportunity to win the first national championship in the club's 10-year history.

"To move on to the World Series in Georgia would be a great accomplishment for the club team," Fletcher said. "We have worked hard this year to make it to that point, and we feel we have a good shot at this feat. We would be one of eight teams out of the 120-plus Division I clubs to make the World Series."

Regardless of what happens during its postseason run, this year's team has already had great success. Led by fourth-year player and coach Patrick Hyde and a young, powerful starting rotation, the Longhorns' 29-4 regular-season record is the best in club history. The team has won 12 straight and has a perfect 9-0 record in conference play.

"This team has been successful because everyone on the team has a lot of talent, and everyone on the team works extremely hard," Fletcher said. "The team is made up of many ex-collegiate players and several players with high school experience."

But success is what you make it.

"It feels great to be a part of one of the most successful club teams here at UT," Fletcher said. "However, to us, the year will not be successful until we bring home a national championship."

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Conference champion Pressel voted Player of the Year

After a record-setting performance at the Big 12 Championship, where she won the individual title with a score of eight-under, sophomore Madison Pressel added another accolade to her season on Thursday when the Big 12 named her the conference's female Golf Player of the Year.

This makes her the third player in school history to be honored with the award, along with Heather Bowie in 1997 and Janice Olivencia in 2002.

Pressel's score was the best in Big 12 Championship history and her second-round score of 66 last weekend in Missouri broke a conference record for lowest-scoring round. She has four top-10 finishes this season, and Golfweek ranks her 38th in the nation at the collegiate level.

All of this propelled her onto the 2011 All-Big 12 team, the only Texas player to get the nod. The All-Big 12 team consists of the 10 players who were the highest-ranked Big 12 golfers, according to the most recent Golfweek/Sagarin poll, which is released after the Big 12 Championship.

Among other awards were newcomer of the year, which went to Colorado's Jessica Wallace, and Big 12 coach of the year for Iowa State's Christie Martens.

Both awards were based on votes from all the league's head golf coaches.

The Big 12 champion and player of the year joins the rest of the Longhorns as they prepare for the NCAA Central Regional Championship in South Bend, Ind., May 5-7.

—Stephanie Yarbrough



Madison Pressel
Golf player

Horns take on Wildcats, would face OU with win

By Alex Endress
Daily Texan Staff

The No. 25 Longhorns battle seventh-seeded Kansas State today in their first match of the 2011 Big 12 Championship at Baylor Tennis Center in Waco.

Kansas State ousted No. 10 seed Kansas in the opening round on Thursday. The Longhorns have yet to play in the tournament, as their 9-2 conference record earned them a No. 2 seed and a first-round bye. Texas beat Kansas State 5-2 in their last meeting on March 25 in Manhattan, Kan.

A Texas win on Friday would mean a rematch against either third-seeded Oklahoma or sixth-seeded Texas Tech in the semi-

nals on Saturday. Texas beat the rival Sooners 5-2 in its last home match of the season on April 10. The Longhorns fell to Texas Tech 4-3 on April 1 in Lubbock.

UT brings several highly ranked players to the tournament, including No. 26 sophomore Aerial Ellis and the 54th-ranked doubles tandem of senior Amanda Craddock and freshman Cierra Gaytan-Leach.

Texas lost to Baylor in the final round of the Big 12 Championship in Austin last season. However, the Longhorns have made it to the finals in 13 of 14 tournament appearances. They have won the event seven times, achieving their most recent Big 12 tournament title in 2005.

WEEKEND PREVIEW

▶ ROWING



Corey Leamon | Daily Texan Staff

Texas has knocked off a number of highly ranked teams this year and look to do so again this weekend in the conference championship.

Longhorns hope for Big 12 Championship three-peat

After a thus-far successful spring, the Longhorns know a final push could get them to the promise land: the NCAA Championships in May. With only two regattas left, they will try to impress in order to receive one of the 16 bids for the championship meet; an event the Longhorns haven't attended since most of the current roster was in middle school.

The Longhorns will try to win their third-straight Big 12 Championship this weekend when they take on Kansas, Kansas State and Oklahoma in the waters of Kansas City, Kan.

Last year's event saw Texas dominate the competition, winning all five events and edging out Oklahoma in total points, 108-97.

"The varsity did a nice job of toughing it out in a tight race

with OU," said head coach Carrie Graves after last year's big win. "There were several intense, well-fought races, and overall it was a great day to be a Longhorn."

In the Longhorns' last outing this season at the Virginia Invitational, Texas took home seven victories against Clemson, UCLA and Michigan State, all of whom were ranked above the Longhorns heading into the regatta. The strong showing moved Texas up three spots in the US Rowing Coaches Poll to its highest ranking of the season, at No. 15 in the nation.

"The teams racing this weekend were racing some tough races in tough water," Graves said. "We were able to show some speed throughout, and I am proud of how the team handled itself."

After not being ranked in either of the previous two seasons, the Longhorns have found their name in the top 20 in all six polls this spring and are headed in the right direction. The coaches knew coming into the spring there was a lot of potential, but they wouldn't know for sure until the boats hit the water.

"You never know. You have hopes," Graves said. "I could tell from the fall at our last race at the Head of the Hooch that we had a lot of depth on our team."

The competition will follow a specific point system, rewarding points from first to last, with the first varsity eight event receiving the most weight in the total scores.

This is good news for the Longhorns, whose first varsity eight boat has only one loss the entire spring, which came

against seventh-ranked Michigan State by a mere four seconds. After knocking off No. 13 Clemson and No. 17 UCLA at the Virginia Invitational, the first varsity eight boat was named Conference USA's boat of the week.

Senior captain Jennifer VanderMaarel rows stroke seat for the boat and knows how much the team has improved since her freshman season.

"The team this year is the best out of my four years that I've been here," she said. "The team dynamic is awesome, and everyone works hard."

Big 12 Championship
Date: Saturday
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Wyandotte Reservoir (Kansas City, Kan.)

▶ MEN'S TENNIS

Texas ready to take on lower-seeded Cornhuskers

By Wes Maulsby
Daily Texan Staff

Texas begins its postseason today with Nebraska in the first round of the Big 12 tournament. Texas earned the No. 3 seed in the conference, while Nebraska is No. 6.

Texas last faced Nebraska on April 17 in Austin, and the Longhorns walked away with a 5-2 victory.

The other quarterfinal matches on Friday feature No. 4 seed Texas

Tech taking on fifth-seeded Oklahoma and then second-seeded Texas A&M against No. 7 Oklahoma State, which was the only winless team in Big 12 play this season.

Top-seeded Baylor has a bye and will automatically advance to the semifinals to await the winner of the Texas Tech and Oklahoma match. Baylor won every match in conference and with the tournament being on its home courts, the Bears will have an advantage

throughout the tournament.

"We've lost close matches, and we won some close matches," said Texas head coach Michael Center. "We hope we can play our best tennis down the stretch."

Last season, with the tournament in Austin, Texas was able to win after beating Texas Tech in the semis and Texas A&M in the finals. Texas has already beaten both Nebraska and Oklahoma State this season and split its two matches

with A&M. The Longhorns lost a competitive match to Baylor, 4-3, in Austin at the beginning of this month, meaning Texas has a shot heading into the tournament.

Big 12 Championship
Date: Friday
Time: 3 p.m.
Place: Baylor Tennis Center (Waco, Texas)

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Hooks excels at all parts of the game, and part of that all-around excellence comes from the fact that she thinks like a coach. That's not surprising, considering she has aspirations to be one

in the future.

"She's going to be a great coach at some point," said Texas head coach Connie Clark. "She's always thinking of the next step, thinking big picture, and she has fun doing it."

Despite all there is to praise about her game on the field, it doesn't manage to fully describe what she means to the program, her teammates and her coaches. But Clark sums it up best when she talks about Hooks' career

in Austin.

"Amy Hooks is absolutely amazing, and I've thought a lot about it over the last few weeks, and I'm going to miss the heck out of that kid," she said.

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something special.

And get this, Cowboys fans: Smith is, too.

"I think I have the potential to be a Pro Bowler," Smith said, pausing for about two seconds then adding, "and be a Hall of Famer."

Smith's arrival likely means the departure of right tackle Marc Colombo. The 6-foot-5, 310-pound rookie is expected to start on the right side, with Doug Free remaining at left tackle, but the Cowboys think so highly of Smith there's at least a

chance he steps right in as the protector for Tony Romo's blind side.

"I'm willing to take the challenge and work hard for it," Smith said.

Dallas offensive line coach Hudson Houck said there was a big gap between Smith — the first offensive lineman taken in this draft — and the other blockers on Dallas' draft board.

"Every coach, every other person who talked to him said, 'This guy really seems at ease,'" Houck said.



Jason DeCraw | Associated Press

The Texans hope that J.J. Watt, who played his college ball at Wisconsin, grows into a solid end opposite Mario Williams.

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to bolster a unit that ranked 30th in yards allowed last season.

"We still need some more defensive players," Phillips said. "What's best for the team is what's best for me, I don't mean that. I think it's clear that we need a lot of defense in this draft."

Phillips is hoping that the 6-foot-5, 290-pound Watt develops into a solid complement for Mario Williams, the No. 1 overall pick in 2006 and Houston's all-time sacks leader.

Watt made 43 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, including 11-and-a-half sacks, in 26 games at Wisconsin. A former tight end, Watt transferred there after playing one season at Central Michigan. He entered the draft after two seasons with the Badgers.

"I am going to come in and give it everything I have," Watt said Thursday night.

Watt led the Badgers with seven sacks in 2010, and also broke up eight passes. He ranked second on the team with 62 tackles.

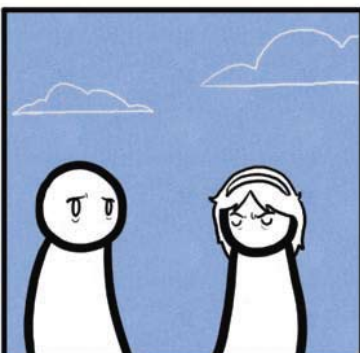
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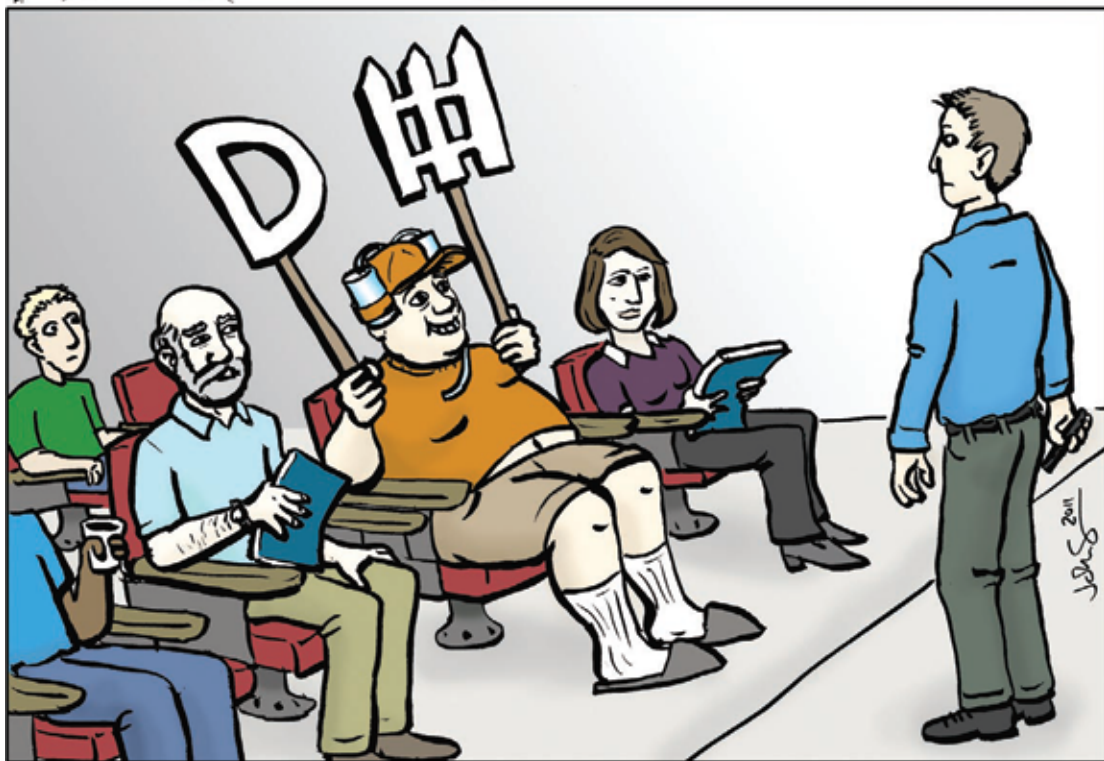
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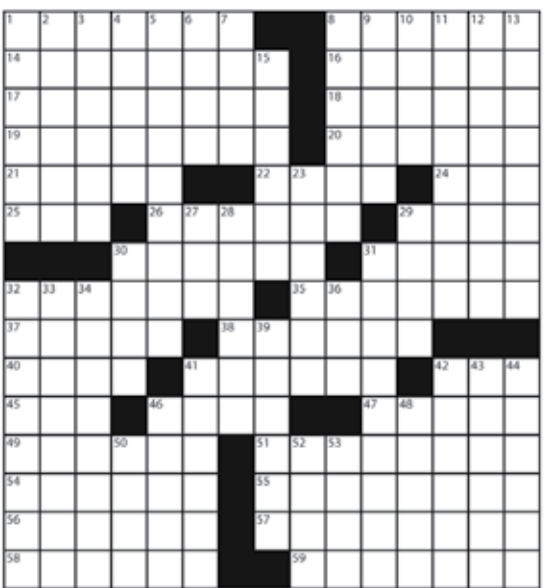
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 - Make thin, say
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 - No-name
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Boat festival celebrates Chinese tradition

By Danielle Wallace
Daily Texan Staff

Austinites can expect the thunder of drums Saturday as a small fleet of whimsically-painted, authentic dragon-faced boats cut across the water on Lady Bird Lake and people come together to celebrate a deeply rooted Chinese tradition.

The Austin Dragon Boat Festival and Race, sometimes known as the Duanwu Festival, is said to have originated thousands of years ago in ancient China. It has spread to cities across America, and this year's event will mark its 13th celebration in Austin.

While its origins are somewhat unclear, one particular telling of the history behind the festival speaks of a famous Chinese poet and patriot, Qu Yuan. He dedicated much of his life to trying to speak out about gov-

ernment corruption but met much resistance from authorities. Hoping to bring attention to his cause, he drowned himself in a river.

"The people loved him so much and didn't want his body to be disturbed, so they used a boat to chase away the other creatures," said Amy Wong Mok, the founder and CEO of the Asian American Cultural Center, the main organization hosting the event.

According to Mok, the festival has come far from its more somber beginnings with two boats and is now a celebration centered on community. Now the festival's six 40-foot-long dragon boats are a testament to this, as it takes 44 people rowing in unison to move across the water.

"The spirit behind the festival is teamwork," Mok said. "If the whole team moves forward, the boat flies on the water."

Teams, including UT's Chinese Student Association and Chinese Students and Scholars Association, will kick off the race in a march and ceremony called "dotting the eyes of the dragon." Participants will paint a red dot onto the eye of each dragon, symbolically awakening the dragons from slumber so that they can look protectively out over the water and help guide the boats as they race.

For one of the participating teams, the Chinese Student Association, a five-week training process brought new experiences — and new challenges. Though the organization has participated in the races for more than eight years, this year's team consists mostly of first-time rowers.

"The first [practice], we actually capsized," said Jonathan Wong, the association's sports director. "But we practiced and have gotten a lot better ... [The race] is going to be intense, but I think it's going to be really fun."

Teams from Samsung to Dell to the Travis County Sheriff's Office will join together in friendly competition for awards to be given out at the close of the event.

"The thing I look forward to the most about dragon boat races, as a paddler, is the high energy on race day," said UT alumna Sheena Chang, who coaches all of the teams that participate in the event as well as a year-round rowing team, the Austin Coolers. "The adrenaline rush is absolutely incredible and very, very addicting. My team and I often joke right after a race that we're all suffering from race withdrawal."

Performances, food and a silent auction benefitting the Cancer Connection will keep up the lively spirit on shore as the races occur. Along



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Mai Tran trains with her team, the Austin Coolers, for the 13th annual Dragon Boat Festival and Race this weekend. Each boat is about 40 feet long and holds 20 paddlers, one drummer and one steer-person.

with the traditional ceremonies and Chinese dance and martial arts, there will be performances inspired by cultures from across the globe, including an opening by the Hawaiian Kona Isle dance troupe and other showcases featuring Filipino, Vietnamese, Indian, Korean and Japanese organizations.

The customary festival fare of zongzi, filled sticky rice wrapped in bamboo leaves, will be sold along with other authentic fare, including dumplings and pan-fried onion buns. Proceeds will go to aiding the relief efforts in northern Japan following the devastating tsunami and earthquake.

Past festival attendees such as Jay Xiao, president of the Chinese Student Association, said that the Dragon Boat Festival has grown from a celebration of Chinese history into a multicultural and community event. "It's very diverse, and it's definitely not just for people who are Chinese," Xiao said.

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door of a neighbor or friend, some of them won't let you in," she said. "They'll talk to you at the open door. That's rude in Russia. You want to talk to people; you let them in."

With neither a car nor knowledge of the language and customs, it was difficult adjusting at first, she said. Over the past decade in Austin, she has found steadiness, and even happiness, in the city she now calls home.

Though she misses the friends she grew up with in Russia and especially her mother, there's a growing detachment between her and her home country.

"Every year, there's less and less to miss," she said.

To ensure her son's identification with his Russian heritage, Tostych predominately speaks Russian to him, pushes him to attend Russian functions and travels back to Russia with him every few years. She said there remains a reluctance in her son to embrace the culture of

his birthplace. With Sasha's Gourmet Russian Market as the only local Russian-

"In Russia, we don't smile much, but I think there's more joy, aliveness than here."

— Larisa Tostych, Bookkeeper of the Russian Speakers' Society

run business, most gatherings are hosted privately in homes or put on by the Russian Speakers' Society

of Austin, Tostych said. Created by Luda Voskov thirteen years ago, the organization was an attempt to cure Voskov's homesickness and bring Russian speakers together.

The nonprofit organization started off with great momentum; its first society party at the Steiner Ranch clubhouse drew more than 300 attendees. The organization has provided Russian speakers with ESL programs and puts on events for celebrations such as New Years, Pascha and the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution on Nov. 7. Over the years, the organization has become stagnant.

Everyone likes to party, but not everyone wants to put in the work, Tostych said, and eventually, Voskov became burnt out. Now it is in Tostych's hands to reinvigorate the organization and create more opportunities for the Russian community to get together. She is collaborating with Volstead Lounge at Hotel Vegas on East Sixth Street to hold their weekly Thursday Soviet

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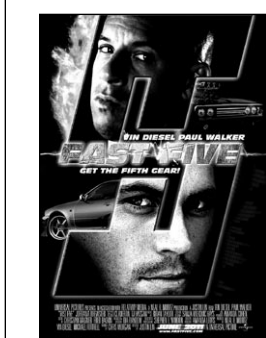
Block Happy Hour.

"Russians, we are not sophisticated drinkers," Tostych said. "All we need is the best vodka — Russian Standard Vodka — and we can party."

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asked to emote.

But there's only one reason someone would see "Fast Five," and those looking for some truly awe-inspiring vehicular action scenes will be more than satisfied. Every action sequence is spectacularly directed by Justin Lin, helping his third film in the franchise. In particular, the film's lengthy climax is absolute insanity, a go-for-broke chase through the streets of Rio de Janeiro that takes an infectious amount of joy in the spectacle of destruction.



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Russian community calls Austin home

Families seek to maintain ties to national background with religion, social groups

Editor's Note: This is the third in a three-part series providing a glimpse into small but significant cultural communities in Austin.



By Julie Rene Tran

As patrons used the burning wick to light each other's candles, the sanctuary of the Russian Orthodox church illuminated in undulation. The blue hue of the walls deepened, and gold crucifixes mounted around the prayer room glimmered. Despite the glow, unbroken silence and grief stifled the church. An elderly woman, head covered in a scarf, hid her face with her frail hands and sobbed.

It was the eve of Pascha, the Russian celebration of when Jesus Christ rose from the dead. In a house-turned-church in a remote neighborhood in Pflugerville, about 40 members gathered to mourn and rejoice their Lord's sacrifice.

The smallness of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos Russian Orthodox Church reflects the size of the Russian-speaking community in Austin.

There are several hundred Russian families in Austin, with the population comprised of U.S. citizens and those with work or student visas, said Aidan Keller, UT alumnus and reverend of the church.

"Most of our Russian people are well-paid professional people in



The Rev. Aidan Keller, a UT alumnus, presents the Bible to a young girl during Pascha, an Easter celebration. Keller is part of the Russian Orthodox Church in Austin.

their career and are here because Austin is such a high-tech city," Keller said. "They're computer people; they're business people."

Compared with other cities with large Russian populations such as Chicago, San Francisco and New York, the Russian demographic in Austin is not exactly made up of churchgoers, Keller said. Although he is not of Russian heritage, Keller converted from atheism to orthodox Christianity at 16 and has been with Austin's Russian Orthodox church since 2008.

The church is a missionary parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, a semi-autonomous part of the Russian Orthodox Church that formed to counter the Bolsheviks' anti-religious policies after the Russian Revolution of

1917. The liturgy is given partly in Russian and partly in English, and about half of the attendees on Sundays are Russian speakers, including those from the former Soviet Union nations, such as Kazakhstan and Georgia.

Founded in 2001 by the Rev. Lubomir Kupec of Houston, the church serves its congregation in the Russian language and customs. That congregation includes Catholic Cubans from down the street, Protestants and non-Russian members of the Orthodox Church.

For Larisa Tostych, bookkeeper of the Russian Speakers' Society and occasional churchgoer, there was no doubt about why she wanted to come to the States.

Deciding to leave Russia to join her then-fiance in Austin was a dif-

ficult choice, Tostych said, especially since she was an only child. But her decision rested heavily on the thought of her son's future.

Eleven years ago she left the Russian state where she grew up, Primorsky Krai, a lush hilly countryside of wet and foggy summers. In addition to the contrast in weather and landscape, the first six months living in Austin involved constant culture shock, she said.

"I was [shocked] by little, itty bitty things," Tostych said. "In Russia, we don't smile much, but I think there's more joy, aliveness than here."

One peeve she had was with how Americans greeted each other.

"[Here], if you knock on the

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Latest street racing sequel revs up the silver screen

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

Since "The Fast and the Furious" debuted in 2001, the franchise has powered through a series of hilariously titled sequels ("2 Fast 2 Furious") and an increasingly wonky chronology that forces "Fast Five," the fifth and latest film, to function as a prequel to the third, "Tokyo Drift."

What's more shocking than five films dedicated entirely to the appeal of fast cars and testosterone is that the franchise's fifth film is easily its best; a deliriously silly action film that would make Michael Bay proud and the perfect starting gun for the summer movie season.

After returning to the franchise in the last film, Dom (Vin Diesel) and Brian (Paul Walker) are on the run from the law. Taking refuge in Brazil, the two quickly find themselves in the crosshairs of notorious drug lord Reyes (Joaquim de Almeida) and decide to pull one last job before getting out of the criminal life forever. Making matters worse is the arrival of Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson),

a federal agent dead set on tracking down the crew.

As one might imagine from the plot, "Fast Five" has yet to meet a cliché it doesn't like. Thanks to the energetic enthusiasm that runs throughout the film, the film relishes its silliness.

Johnson's perpetually sweaty FBI agent is saddled with an endless amount of flat tough-guy dialogue that's somehow made B-movie and chuckle-worthy thanks to Johnson's delivery. Walker, on the other hand, struggles to break free of the wooden frat-boy persona that has defined his career thus far, always seeming on the verge of suggesting the characters go shotgun a beer. Diesel is similarly strained, doing fine when he's asked to look intimidating or fight someone but struggling when

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Dom (Vin Diesel) and Brian (Paul Walker) continue the time-honored tradition of shooting big guns and racing fast cars in "Fast Five."

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